

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of claims and rejections

Claims 26-53 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 were withdrawn and have now been cancelled. Claims 26-53 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 26 and 41, the only independent claims, are amended by the Applicant in this application. In the final Office Action the Examiner has cited three prior art references that provide a basis for the rejection under §102 and §103 of all of the remaining claims. The primary reference in both grounds for rejection is Slotznick.

Interview Summary

Applicant appreciates the courtesies of the Examiner in phone on September 18, 2007, 10 am, PST, and email communications occurring from September 24 to September 26, 2007. In those communications, Applicant explained distinctions of the independent claims, along the lines set forth in Applicant's response to the previous Office Action. The Applicant proposed an amendment to help emphasize those distinctions: "wherein the browser companion agent determines contextual relevance by coupling to a browser on the client computer system via an application interface." The examiner agreed that the proposed amendment would distinguish over the cited references and suggested that an after-final amendment would be given favorable consideration. The Examiner also raised a potential Section 112 issue related to use of "and/or" terminology". To avoid that issue, the claims have been amended accordingly.

As for the specific grounds of rejection, it appears that it is unnecessary to address those at this time, so Applicant will allow it to suffice that all remarks from Applicant's response to the previous action are hereby incorporated by reference, as the rejections remain the same.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that in view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant understands that no fees are due at this time. However, if necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, additional fees, or underpayments, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1001.

Respectfully submitted,

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